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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 1224

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: POSSIBLE CHANGE IN JAPANESE ARMS SALES POLICY

1. DURING PAST WEEK THREE EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE BEEN APPROACHED SEPARATELY BY JAPANES EMBASSY OFFICERS FOR DISCUSSIONS OF U.S. ARMS SALES POLICY. (MEMCONS POUCHED NEA/IRN AND TOKYO). GOJ EMBASSY HAS NO DEFENSE ATTACHE AND HERETOFORE HAS SHOWN VIRTUALLY NO INTEREST IN MILITARY MATTERS. WE ASSUME GOJ EMBASSY IS PREPARING RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FROM TOKYO.

2. TWO JAPANESE OFFICERS ASKED INDIRECTLY WHETHER U.S. WAS BOOSTING PRICES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT IN EFFORT TO PRESSURE IRAN ON OIL PRICES. THEY ALSO WONDERED WHETHER U.S. MIGHT BE PLANNING TO RESTRICT ARMS SALES AS FURTHER STEP IN EFFORT TO INFLUENCE IRANIAN PETROLEUM POLICY.

3. ONE JAPANESE OFFICER STATED THAT GOJ HAD UNDER CONSIDERATION PROPOSAL BY JAPANESE INDUSTRIALISTS TO EASE
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BAN ON WEAPONS SALES ABROAD. INDUSTRIALISTS THOUGHT

THIS WOULD IMPROVE THEIR STANDING WITH GOI AND
FACILITATE COMMERCIAL SALES. WE NOTE ARTICLE IN PARIS HERALD
TRIBUNE OF FEBRUARY 2 THAT DEBATE ON THIS QUESTION IS
CURRENTLY UNDERWAY IN TOKYO.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE VIEWS OF EMBASSY TOKYO.
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